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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

VEERASAMY VIJAYEN et al.

Application No.: 09/165,513

Filed: October 2, 1998

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING
RECORDING MEDIA HAVING
PROTECTIVE OVERCOATS OF
HIGHLY TETRAHEDRAL
AMORPHOUS CARBON

Examiner: Unassigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 28, and add claims 38-47, as follows. All pending claims are reproduced for the Examiner's convenience.

- 1 17. (As Filed) Magnetic recording media comprising:
- 2 a substrate;
- 3 a magnetic layer disposed over the substrate; and
- 4 a protective layer disposed over the magnetic layer, the protective layer
- 5 comprising a highly tetrahedral amorphous carbon.